

FRENCH TOOK
TRENCH SOUTH
OF THE SOMME

German Army Headquarters Admits Loss in That Section but Asserts That They Have Captured a Large Section of Trenches Northwest of Vimy

THEY ALSO RETOOK
CRATER AT NEUVILLE

French Official Statement Says Merely That the Artillery Duel with the Germans in the Artois District Is Continuing—Reports from Other Fields

Berlin, via London, Feb. 10.—The capture from the French of a large section of trenches northwest of Vimy in the Artois region was announced by the German army headquarters today. A mine crater near Neuville of the same sector was retaken. South of the Somme the French gained a foothold in a small part of one of the German first line trenches. Paris, via London, Feb. 10.—The artillery duel between the French and Germans is continuing in the Artois district, according to the war office announcement this afternoon.

Signs that military operations of importance may be impending in the Balkans are furnished by the Bulgarian government organ at Sofia which, in a leading article, asserts the rights of Bulgaria to invade Greece for an attack on the French and the British there. It declares that Bulgaria cannot permit these foes to remain near the borders and that they must be driven out. On both the eastern and western war fronts activity during the past few days has been more marked than for some time. Some movements of moment may be developing at the northern end of the Russian line, where artillery play is reported to be heavy and continuous, particularly in the neighborhood of Dvinsk. In the west the initiative at present is with the Germans, who are hammering on the French lines from time to time, and making occasional gains, notably near Neuville not far below the Belgian border and south of the river Somme. The bombardment of Smyrna on the Asia Minor coast by a squadron of French aeroplanes is reported from Athens.

AIR ATTACK IN DAYLIGHT.

German Bombs Injured Two Women and One Child on Kentish Coast.

London, Feb. 10.—Two women and one child were injured yesterday afternoon when two German aeroplanes raided the Kentish coast, dropping bombs. Three missiles fell on the outskirts of Ramsgate and four near a school at Broadstairs. The material damage is said by the war office to have been confined to the shattering of glass. The attack was made in broad daylight. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon two aeroplanes were reported approaching the Kent coast and a few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate and Broadstairs. A number of naval and military aeroplanes and seaplanes ascended to attack the Germans, but they immediately retreated. As no engagement between the aeroplanes has been reported, it is presumed that the Germans made good their escape. Of the four bombs dropped in Broadstairs all fell near a schoolhouse. Three of them exploded.

BRITISH COMMAND CHANGES.

Gen. J. Smutz Replaces Gen. Smith-Dorrien in East Africa.

London, Feb. 10.—Gen. Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien has relinquished the command of the British forces operating in East Africa owing to ill health it was officially announced last night. Gen. Jan Christian Smutz, the minister of the interior mines and defenses of the union of South Africa, has accepted the vacancy with the rank of temporary lieutenant general, the announcement added.

On Dec. 14, last, Gen. Smith-Dorrien, who had commanded the British second army in Flanders, was appointed to the supreme command of the forces operating in East Africa. That he was in active command there was indicated as recently as Feb. 2, when an official statement issued in London embodied a report from him that satisfactory progress was being made with the campaign. While the British expedition against German East Africa was organizing in November Gen. Smutz was placed in command and early in December announced that the entire force asked for the expedition had been recruited. The sending of Gen. Smith-Dorrien to Africa to take the supreme command of all the forces for the East African operation followed shortly thereafter.

He—When is a joke not a joke?
She—Usually.—Wisconsin Ave.

WAGE SETTLEMENT
BY ARBITRATION

Is Called for by Chamber of Commerce of the United States in a Resolution Adopted at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—A resolution calling upon the railroads and their employees to settle their wage controversies by arbitration was adopted today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, representing more than 700 business men's organizations throughout the country.

THORNE GIVEN THE LIE

By James W. Caimit, Who Testified in Brandeis Hearing.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—James W. Caimit, chief examiner of the interstate commerce commission, before the Senate sub-committee which is investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court bench, today challenged the declaration of Clifford Thorne that Brandeis concealed from him the attitude he would take in arguing the eastern freight rate case before the commission.

Yesterday Thorne, who was associated with Brandeis in the rate case, declared he was dumbfounded when Brandeis in his opening argument conceded the contention of railroads that the existing rate returns were inadequate. Caimit declared he had a conversation with Thorne and that he was confident that Thorne told what the position of Brandeis would be. He said Brandeis made no effort to conceal it from Thorne.

EAST ORANGE.

Mrs. Ellis Bohannon and Mrs. Charles Hull of Washington were at G. H. Bohannon's recently.

Mrs. John Clark, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Dasher, has returned to her home in West Topham.

Alfred Jacobs of Corinth and G. H. Bohannon were in Barre and Montpelier Wednesday on business.

O. A. Prescott was in Corinth Wednesday and Thursday on town business.

Glen Hutchinson was in Westerville the last of the week.

W. T. Dickenson has bought out the stage route from West Topham to Barre of David Bagley and made his first trip Monday.

H. A. Prescott was in Westerville Monday.

John Dasher and Harvey Padgett of Barre were at J. A. Dasher's Monday.

Clarence Hutchinson was in Barre on Monday, and his daughter, Miss Abbie, returned home with him. She had been stopping the past two weeks, since leaving the City hospital, at the home of George Burroughs.

A. E. Prescott had a business visitor in West Topham the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Corlies Trombly visited at Joseph Bissin's in Orange Sunday.

Some of those on the sick list are improving and a good many new cases are reported, among which are Mrs. Emma Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe, Mrs. George Bohannon, A. R. Beede and F. A. Burroughs.

Archie Button was in Bradford recently on business.

Mrs. Addie Palmer on Monday evening received the sad news of the death of her brother, Lyman Moore.

John and Edgar Sanborn were Bradford visitors Tuesday.

Charles Simpson was in Barre Monday.

Arthur Prescott was in Bradford on Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

W. M. Prescott was in Waits River the last of the week to meet his sister, Mrs. Belle Johnson, who returned from her visit with relatives and friends in Bradford and Fairlee.

Inherited.

Amos Whittaker, a miserly millionaire, was approached by a friend who used his most persuasive powers to have him dress more in accordance with his station in life.

"I am surprised, Amos," said the friend, "that you should allow yourself to become shabby."

"But I'm not shabby," firmly interposed the millionaire miser.

"Oh, but you are," returned his old friend. "Remember your father. He was always neatly, even elaborately dressed. His clothes were always finely tailored and of the best material."

"Why," shouted the miser, triumphantly, "these clothes I've got on were father's."—Sketch.

After the Ceremony.

"Come, cheer up, Jack, this isn't a funeral; it's time for you to go and kiss the bride, now."

"That's where you're wrong, Bill. It's time for me to stop, now.—Widow.

"I went joy riding last night."

"Did the trip have an unfortunate ending?"

"Very. There wasn't any accident at all and I was with people that I will probably never have a chance to get my name in the paper with again."—Puck.

Waste Labor.

Lady of the House—Say, Dinah, did you clean the fish?

Dinah—Law, no missus! Why should Ah clean dat fish? He done lib all his life in de watah.—Puppet.

Delayed.

In the wee hours of the morn the suburbanite got off the train at the home station. Going to the telegraph office he sent this message: "Will not be at the office to-day. Am not home yesterday yet."—Jack O'Lantern.

PRUSSIANS HAVE LOST

23,706,378 MEN TO DATE

London, Feb. 10.—The Amsterdam Courant states that recent Prussian casualty lists show 23,706,378 dead, wounded and missing. The total Prussian losses to date are computed by that newspaper as 23,706,378, not including the casualties on the Wurttemberg, Bavarian, Saxon and navy lists and some concerning German officers in the Turkish service.

NOT RUNNING
AFTER OLD JOB

But Vice-President Marshall Would Surely Meet It Half Way

CALLS OVER-ANXIETY
FATAL TO DIGNITY

Justice Hughes Calls Himself Not in Political Game

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 10.—Vice President Marshall is willing to run for a second term but does not think that a man holding such an office should be running around requesting Democrats to vote for him, according to a letter made public today by Postmaster Frank S. Myers, received from Mark Thistlewaite, Marshall's secretary. The letter says the vice president could not bring himself to ask anyone to file petitions for him but if the petitions are filed he certainly will not repudiate the action. Myers had written Vice President Marshall, asking him if he would permit the use of his name on the Oregon primary ballot.

"ENTIRELY OUT
OF POLITICS,"
SAYS HUGHES

Supreme Court Justice Declares in a Private Letter That He Is Totally Opposed to Use of His Name in Connection with Presidential Nomination.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Representative C. Hanson Sloop, chairman of the Virginia Republican committee, has made public a letter from Justice Hughes declaring:

"I am totally opposed to the use of my name in connection with the nomination and to the selection or instruction of any delegates in my interest, directly or indirectly."

Justice Hughes' letter, made public with his consent, was in reply to a letter from Mr. Sloop which informed the justice that Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general under President Taft, had inaugurated a movement in the South favoring the justice for the Republican presidential nomination.

Chairman Sloop's letter to Justice Hughes in part and the reply of the justice follows:

The Sloop Letter.

"About 10 days ago a movement started in the state (Virginia) directed from New York City by Frank H. Hitchcock, former postmaster general, favoring you as a Republican nominee. He has secured around him in our state a few of his old appointees, R. E. Cabell, former commissioner of internal revenue, now living at Richmond, Va.; B. A. Davis, postmaster under Mr. Hitchcock, at Rocky Mount, and S. Brown Allen, former postmaster at Staunton, Va."

"I enclose you a copy of a letter written by Col. S. Brown Allen to one of my friends, who forwarded the same to me. In this letter is explained a movement by Mr. Hitchcock, and I have other letters of similar character. You will observe it advocates an attack on me, as state chairman, and the organization general, with the statement that Mr. Hitchcock is to be chairman of the national committee and again postmaster general, therefore the dispenser of patronage, and that those who endorse his views and support you as presidential candidate will receive commensurate consideration afterward."

"I am not willing that I should be placed in the attitude of opposing you as a candidate for the presidency, and that is the view of thousands of Republicans in our state; neither do I think it is right for a fight to be inaugurated in our state against me and others upon the supposition that we oppose you."

"I am writing you at the earliest moment to acquaint you of the situation that has so recently developed under your name, and at the same time to assure you that there has been no hostility exhibited toward you anywhere in our state, but on the contrary the greatest admiration and friendship exist for you."

"Very respectfully," C. Hanson Sloop.

"February 3, 1916."

The Hughes Letter.

Justice Hughes replied: "My Dear Mr. Sloop:

"Your letter of February 3 has been received. I am entirely out of politics, and I know nothing whatever of the matters to which you refer. I am totally opposed to the use of my name in connection with the nomination and to the selection or instruction of any delegates in my interest either directly or remotely."

"Very sincerely yours," "Charles E. Hughes."

The letter which Congressman Sloop enclosed in his letter to Justice Hughes which was written to an unnamed friend of the Virginian by S. Brown Allen, former postmaster at Staunton, was also made public. Allen wrote that he had been called on the long distance telephone from New York by Mr. Hitchcock and advised to go to Richmond to confer with Mr. Cabell.

"Mr. Cabell had before me the campaign, Allen's letter said, which is as follows:

"The friends of Justice Hughes, with Governor Whitman at the head, got together and sent to Mr. Hitchcock, who was, as I suppose you know, about the best politician in the country and arranged to place him in full charge of the Hughes campaign. The arrangement is not to antagonize Roosevelt because it will be surely Hughes or Roosevelt, and under the arrangement Hitchcock, of course, will be postmaster general and the premier of the next administration."

He will be made, at Chicago, chairman of the national committee in place of Hill and will be in full charge of the campaign until the vote is counted in the November election."

The reference in Allen's letter which prompted Congressman Sloop to communicate with Justice Hughes was as follows:

"They know, too, full well, that the persons who assume to speak for the organization here are dead against either Hughes or Roosevelt, and persons looking for recognition under the next administration would do well to put a black mark through their names on an endorsement."

Cabell Denies Truth of Story. Richmond, Va., Feb. 10.—Royal E. Cabell said last night that so far as he knew there was not one word of truth in the statements in the letter alleged to have been written by S. Brown Allen. He declared that Frank H. Hitchcock had just told him over the long distance telephone that the whole story was a fabrication.

"It is true," added Mr. Cabell, "that I, in common with thousands of Republicans in Virginia, would like to see Justice Hughes or a man of his type, nominated for president, but any fight that I am making is entirely within the party and will not be carried to the point of endangering party harmony."

WILL NOT STOP EXECUTION.

Gov. Whitman Refuses to Interfere Further in Schmidt Case.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Hans Schmidt, the former New York priest, convicted of murder in the first degree for the death of Anna Ammiller in New York, in September, 1913, must pay the penalty of his crime in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison during the week of February 13. Gov. Whitman last night declined to interfere with carrying out of the sentence.

Schmidt was convicted at his second trial and the court of appeals affirmed the conviction, but called the attention of the governor to the claim made by the man's attorneys that Miss Ammiller died from the effects of a criminal operation and therefore Schmidt could not be tried on a charge of manslaughter.

The executive granted Schmidt a respite of 30 days in which he investigated the condemned man's claim.

Gov. Whitman in his statement last night said he reviewed the medical testimony at Schmidt's trial and also had two physicians examine portions of Miss Ammiller's body that had been preserved at Cornell Medical college. Both reported that Schmidt's victim had not, in their opinion, died from the effects of a criminal operation.

"This defendant," said the governor's statement, "has been fairly tried. He has attempted and once nearly succeeded in foisting upon the court a story which he himself now admits was false. He has demonstrated beyond question his capacity and skill in shamming and falsifying, and all proof before me compels me to believe that his assertion now as to the manner of the decedent's death is utterly false."

GARMENT WORKERS
IN BOSTON STRIKE

More Than 1,500 Men, Women and Girls Went Out To-day to Secure Higher Wages and Better Shop Conditions.

Boston, Feb. 10.—More than 1,500 men, women and girls employed in shirtwaist and skirt manufacturing establishments struck today to enforce their demands for higher wages and better shop and working conditions. Employers left nearly 100 shops.

The shop owners claim that an increase was granted within a year and that business conditions do not warrant further concessions at the present time.

CAPTURE NOT CORROBORATED.

Private Advice Said That British Captured German Raider.

New York, Feb. 10.—Advice received here yesterday asserted that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the capture of the Appam, has been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake, after a three-hour fight 200 miles east northeast of Bermuda, according to a story printed by the New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said by the Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen which were flying the German flag and one of which was armed.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 10.—If a battle has taken place between the British armored cruiser Drake and the German raider Roon off Bermuda, nothing is known here of the occurrence.

Numerous inquiries have failed to confirm the report that the Drake attacked and captured the Roon. These vessels have not reached this port, and so far as can be learned, no advice have been received at Hamilton to indicate that the Drake has taken a prize into any other Bermuda port.

JAIL SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION.

Damage at Charles St. Institution in Boston Is \$2,500.

Boston, Feb. 10.—A boiler explosion in an outbuilding of the Charles street jail threw the prisoners into a panic last night and it was many minutes before the guards could quiet them. No one was injured, but all the buildings of the jail were shaken and many windows were broken by the force of the explosion.

The roof of the bucket shop, a two-story building 125 feet in length, was torn off and the boiler was hurled a distance of 40 feet, landing in the city yard on Grove street, adjoining the jail property. There was no one in the building at the time. The boiler was a small one, about eight feet in length, and was used for heating water for the use of the prisoners. The loss will not exceed \$2,500.

Mrs. L. H. Burmill of Randolph is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. H. Tenney of Washington street.

Mrs. W. S. Ingalls of Greensboro is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradford of Park street.

REBELS SEIZE
CITY OF LUCHOW

As Culmination of Series of Successful Engagements

SZE CHUEN PROVINCE
SIZZLES WITH REVOLT

There Has Been Almost Continuous Fighting for Weeks

Shanghai, China, Feb. 10.—Luchow in the southern part of Sze Chuen province has been captured by Yunnan revolutionists, according to word received here today.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The government forces in Yunnan province, China, were defeated by revolutionary troops in a battle yesterday, during which 300 rebels were killed and 200 were captured, according to a dispatch from Peking printed in the newspaper New China. The dispatch states there has been almost continuous fighting in Sze Chuen province for several weeks with the revolutionary forces victorious in nearly every engagement.

EXPORT FIGURES INACCURATE.

But Secretary Redfield Says Trouble Has Been Remedied.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Wholesale inaccuracies in government export statistics were admitted yesterday by Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce, in a speech before the chamber of commerce of the United States. He said, however, that by an order issued Feb. 1, he had remedied the situation so far as was in his power, and that the gross errors of the past, caused by refusal of shippers to give the government facts and by antiquated laws, would not be repeated.

The secretary referred to a charge made a month ago by officials of the chamber that the percentage of errors in departmental reports was so great it was impossible even for experts to estimate it, that single cargoes running into thousands of dollars in value left American ports without being recorded, and that the published export figures for 1914 fell far short of the actual exports.

He said this probably understated the case. There was but slight inaccuracy in import statistics, he added, as returns on imports were more fully compiled under government control.

"Such errors as have existed in recording exports," said he, "are probably understated. The business of compiling figures at \$5,000,000 a year under a law of 1820 is not a simple matter."

BASEBALL A CIVILIZER.

Its Capacity in That Direction Testified to By Ex-President Taft.

New York, Feb. 10.—Stars of the baseball universe, old and young, joined here last night with owners and managers and fans of prominence in all walks of life in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the National league. Whatever enmity remained as the result of the recent war was removed when former foes joined in the merry making.

Former President Taft, addressing the diners, declared baseball has been an important factor in civilizing the Philippines. He said American soldiers and sailors have taught the game to the natives, and that its influence has spread to the wilds of the island possessions. Baseball, he added, has been substituted for head hunting by the Igorrote tribes.

FIRE DROVE MANY OUT.

Three-Story Structure in Manchester, N. H., Damaged.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 10.—Several families were driven from their homes shortly after 9 o'clock last evening when fire was discovered in the shoe store owned by E. J. O'Connell at 46 Amory street. The block is a three-story structure, owned by Mrs. Charlotte E. Woodbury and occupied by several stores and tenants.

While fighting the flames in the second story, Fireman Charles Garon was overcome. He managed to smash in one of the windows and this probably saved his life. Smoke filled the whole building and drove 50 persons into the streets.

The damage will amount to about \$2,000. The blaze started in the rear of the shoe store, probably from a discarded match or cigar.

DEATH OF BELVIDERE BROOKS.

Vice-President of Western Union Had Been Ill Several Months.

New York, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph company, died at his home here today of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months but death was unexpected.

ROBINSON—GLOVER.

Parties Married in Barre Are to Reside in Waterbury.

Viola Glover and Arthur D. Robinson were married in this city Feb. 7 by Justice of the Peace James Mackay and have gone to Chicago on a wedding trip. They are to reside in Waterbury.

Collingwood C. Miller, father of Manager Clinton F. Miller of the Barre office of the Consolidated Lighting company, yesterday after several weeks' illness, died at his home in Waterbury.

There will be a meeting of the junior dramatic club of St. Monica's church at 8 o'clock this evening at the home of Mrs. Mae Gerard, 4 Laurel street. Per order Maurice White, president.

WEALTHY CITIZEN
OF MONTPELIER
DIED IN BOSTON

Jesse S. Viles, Former Owner of Pavilion Hotel and Viles Electric Light Plant, Passed Away From Pneumonia While Visiting There.

Jesse S. Viles, former owner of the Pavilion hotel and of the Viles electric plant and one of Montpelier's most wealthy citizens, died at the Vendome hotel in Boston last night of pneumonia, with which he had been ill for about 10 days. Mr. Viles left his home in Montpelier two weeks ago for Boston and was taken ill shortly after his arrival there. The news of his death reached Montpelier this morning.

Jesse Sumner Viles was born in Weston, Mass., March 5, 1838, and after being educated in the public schools there he entered the employ of a clothing house in Boston, he being then 16 years of age. After 13 years in that store he went on the road as a traveling salesman, being employed by the same firm. His territory covered New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York. He continued in that capacity for a dozen years, being still "on the road" two years after buying the Pavilion hotel. He acquired that hotel on Sept. 1, 1880, after which he added another story to the structure and thoroughly repaired the building, putting in an elevator and making it up-to-date. By the new story addition 35 more rooms were permitted.

Mr. Viles extended his holdings in this vicinity by purchasing a large farm just north of the city of Montpelier, conducting the farm in conjunction with the hotel. He also purchased water privileges at Middlesex, acquiring the gristmill and sawmill there and later erecting an electric light plant with a capacity of 1,500 horsepower. This plant he himself operated, selling the power in Barre, Montpelier and Middlesex. These properties Mr. Viles disposed of in 1907, since which time he has not been actively engaged in business, although maintaining his home on Western avenue in Montpelier. Some reports place his wealth as high as \$1,000,000.

Mr. Viles never entered political life although he was interested in the affairs of the Republican party. He was a member of Monitor lodge, F. and A. M., of Waltham, Mass.

He was married on Nov. 29, 1859, to Mrs. Florence Porter, widow of Charles W. Porter. She died eight years ago. Mr. Viles is survived by one daughter, Katherine Bailey Viles, who resided with her father.

MRS. L. D. TILLOTSON DEAD.

Well Known Washington Woman Had Been Ill a Month.

Mrs. Alma (Downing), wife of L. D. Tillotson, died this morning at 3 o'clock at her home in Washington, after an illness of about a month. Mrs. Tillotson was born in Washington May 9, 1850, being, therefore, in her 66th year, and in that town she had always resided. Sept. 21, 1873, she was married to Mr. Tillotson, who survives her, with two daughters, Mrs. Fred Goodwin of Chelsea, and Mrs. Albert Bessette of Washington. There are also three grandchildren, Merlin, Elmer and Vincent Goodwin.

Mrs. Tillotson was a woman who made many friends and will be much missed in the community.

The funeral will be held from her late home Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. A. M. Smith of Williamstown officiating. Burial will be in the village cemetery in Washington.

MOTORISTS SUE RAILROAD.

Because Their Machine Was Struck By Central Vermont Train.

Brattleboro, Feb. 10.—Two lawsuits, each asking damages of \$10,000, were brought here today against the Central Vermont Railway Co. The plaintiffs are Mrs. Nora Howe of Townsend, wife of H. H. Howe, and their granddaughter, Marion Howe, three years old, daughter of Harry Howe. Harry Howe bringing the action in behalf of his daughter.

The two plaintiffs were injured in an automobile accident Sept. 10, 1915, at a crossing at Park's siding in West Townsend, the automobile in which the family was riding being struck by a locomotive, the engine hitting the rear end of the automobile as the latter was being driven across the track.

There is no denying that the two were badly hurt. They were brought here in a serious condition. It is expected that the question of the extent of damage and caution will enter largely into the case on both sides.

BURIAL IN SO. ROYALTON.

Ralph W. Hutchins Died in Albany, N. Y.—Leaves Young Bride.

South Royalton, Feb. 10.—The funeral of Ralph W. Hutchins was held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon, and burial was in Riverview cemetery. The body was brought yesterday from Albany, N. Y., where for several years Mr. Hutchins had been employed as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. Mr. Hutchins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hutchins of this place and was graduated from the local high school and the Albany Business college. Besides his parents, a wife, to whom he had been married less than three months, survives.

NEW OFFICE CREATED.

T. D. Fitzgerald Becomes Valuation Engineer For Central Vermont R. R.

St. Albans, Feb. 10.—A circular issued today from the office of President E. C. Smith of the Central Vermont railway announces the appointment of T. D. Fitzgerald as valuation engineer with offices in St. Albans. He has been division engineer on the southern New England extension of the road. The office is a new one, made necessary by the work being carried on by the federal government in valuing the railroad property of the United States.

There will be a meeting of the junior dramatic club of St. Monica's church at 8 o'clock this evening at the home of Mrs. Mae Gerard, 4 Laurel street. Per order Maurice White, president.

ST. ALBANS SELECTED.

For State Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

St. Albans, Feb. 10.—The state convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in St. Albans, May 9. The third degree will be exemplified the evening of the 8th.

EXPLANATION
IS DEMANDED
OF AUSTRIA

United States Wants the Attack on American Tank Steamer Petrolite, an Austrian Submarine Explained—Secretary Lansing Sends Delegation

MAY EVENTUATE IN
FORMAL DEMAND

But Secretary Lansing Denies the Truth of Published Statements That Such Action Has Already Been Taken by the Washington Government

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—